
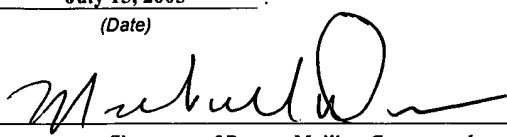
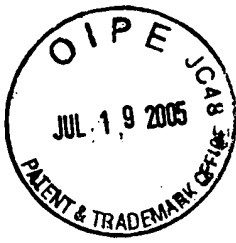


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| Invention: <b>PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR GROWING SINGLE CRYSTALS</b>   |                                       |                                       |   |                               |                                 |  |
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| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>   |                                       |                                       |   |                               |                                 |  |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 26 -                                  | 32 =                                  | 0   | x \$50.00                     | \$0.00                          |  |
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This is a voluntary amendment regarding the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.